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Wicked weather wreaks havoc on horses, crops



AFTER THE STORM - Valerie Taisey doctors her thoroughbred horse Pepsi after it injured itself during a recent storm.

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Residents, especially those with crops and horses, are feeling the affect of a wicked weekend storm that rampaged through Mountain View County last week.

Valerie Taisey vetted out of this year's rodeo after she found her horse, Pepsi, cut and bleeding, last Monday. It was to be her first barrel racing competition in 10 years.

"My first thought was that my horse had broken something. He was weaving and stumbling like a drunk, but when I moved towards him, he took off running and I knew nothing was broken."

She has never seen Pepsi so terrified.

When she found her horse Monday after the storm, debris surrounded him and she could see the two blue barrels they used for practice lying in the pasture nearby. She also saw cuts and scratches on her horse's body and thinks he bolted through wire fencing.

"There was no way I could...I had to definitely vet out of the rodeo," she said. "I'm lucky it wasn't worse."

Taisey paid her entry fee for the Didsbury rodeo on Friday and was disappointed to cancel on Tuesday morning, but saw no way around it. She and Pepsi worked hard to get their routine down pat and she doesn't have the time to train a new horse and take care of her own.

She plans on entering the competition next year.

"I didn't get it nearly as bad as some people did. Horses died in that storm."

Jack Johnston of Peaceful Valley Stable lost one mare and is doctoring eight who have deep gashes and swollen limbs.

Normally if there is a storm, horses race for the shelter of the trees and for some reason, they panicked and bolted through barbed wire, he said. Finding his horses the next morning is something he's not likely to forget.

"I'm 69-years-old and I have lived here all my life. Never have I seen a storm like that," he said.

"The lightning was so severe I went to check if any buildings were on fire. I never thought of the mares in the pasture."



HAIL POWER - Emily and Brock Krebs clean up their driveway after hail damaged the siding on their house west of Didsbury.

Johnston found one mare, a \$20,000 horse, torn and bleeding so badly he had to put her down. Eight other horses had scratches and deep gashes, some of which showed tendon and muscle. The man also lost his barely crop in an event he said resembled a tornado.

"It was a tremendously strong wind, a lot of homes are completely ruined."

He isn't sure how much money he lost when his crop was wiped out, but said he is not bothered nearly as much as the fact his animals got hurt.

Chinook Country Veterinary Clinic had one veterinarian on-call when the storm hit. Dr. Sarah Fahey said she started getting requests for doctoring from people across the county at 7 a.m.

"A lot of the horses panicked due to the wind or hail and they all ran through barbed fences...it was pretty devastating. Some got caught up in the wire, other blasted through or tried to jump the fence."

"Wire cuts are pretty common, but you don't usually see herds of horses going through barbed wire," she said.

The horses could have panicked when the hail started to thrash their necks and backs. Fahey found large welts on their bodies that look sore and bruised.

Fahey put in an emergency call to veterinarians in the area as the phone calls started to roll in and was thankful everyone banded together, even though they were off for the weekend.

The clinic got 15 calls of injured animals and is unsure how many in total were received by other veterinarians in

the county. She said a few horses also died, the worst area for deaths being between Carstairs and Didsbury.

Residents with horses weren't the only ones to feel the affects of the weekend storm. Ed Krebs, who lives west of Didsbury, said over 700 acres of his barley and canola crops are hailed out. In a regular season he spends 150 hours combining, this year he'll spend three on a salvage operation.

"It's a disaster; a mess. In some areas where the crop was three or four feet high, it looks like it was cut down by a lawn mower," he said.

Crops have been hailed out in the past and he said the only thing farmers can do is try and use what's left for bedding or feed.

Local insurance companies were not surprised that the storm drew a rush of people Tuesday eager to claim damage on their homes, cars and campers.

Vanda Agencies Ltd. filed 150 claims on Tuesday alone relating to hail damage and McDonald George Agencies Ltd. filed approximately 600 throughout the week.

"It was just a zoo in here, a lot of people were affected," said Mike Caughy, manager of Vanda Agencies Ltd.

"It's no surprise, it was a big storm."

He expects claims will continue to trickle in for the next two weeks, especially by those who live in the worst hit areas near Westcott Road and the Carstairs area.

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Storm

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Environment Canada reports the weekend storm built up in Rocky Mountain House and travelled southeast to Sundre, Didsbury and Carstairs before stopping in Medicine Hat.

The government got reports of baseball-sized hail in Sundre and dollar-sized hail in Carstairs, which caused a lot of damage to homes and vehicles. Meteorologist Bill McMurtry said because the event at around 1 a.m., there was no chance for the hail to warm and soften as it hit

the ground and so they remained hard and destructive ice balls.

This storm was not related to the plough wind that killed one person in Camrose during the Big Valley Jamboree and is considered a common occurrence after a period of warm weather.

Silverfern Medical Clinic Welcomes new Doctor



Dr. Andrew Jackson is thrilled to announce that his previous partner in Pincher Creek, Dr. Karen Brunner, will be joining the practice on Sept. 14/09.

Dr. Brunner trained in South Africa and immigrated in Canada in 1999. She has worked as a rural physician since that time in Pincher Creek, and worked with Dr. Jackson for 10 years prior to him coming to Didsbury last year.

Dr. Brunner is opening a practice in family medicine and has special interest and expertise in women's health including bio-identical hormones, pediatrics, obesity, and chronic disease.

She will be joined in Didsbury with her husband Heinie, an engineer in the oil and gas industry and her two beautiful kids Hein and Mario.

You can book an appointment with Dr. Brunner by calling the clinic at (403) 335-8895



Welcome
Dr. Brunner



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

ON THE HEAL - This horse, one of eight injured at Peace Valley Stable, was cut up by barb wire after a violent storm moved through the area recently. One horse was put down from its injuries.

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West Nile virus

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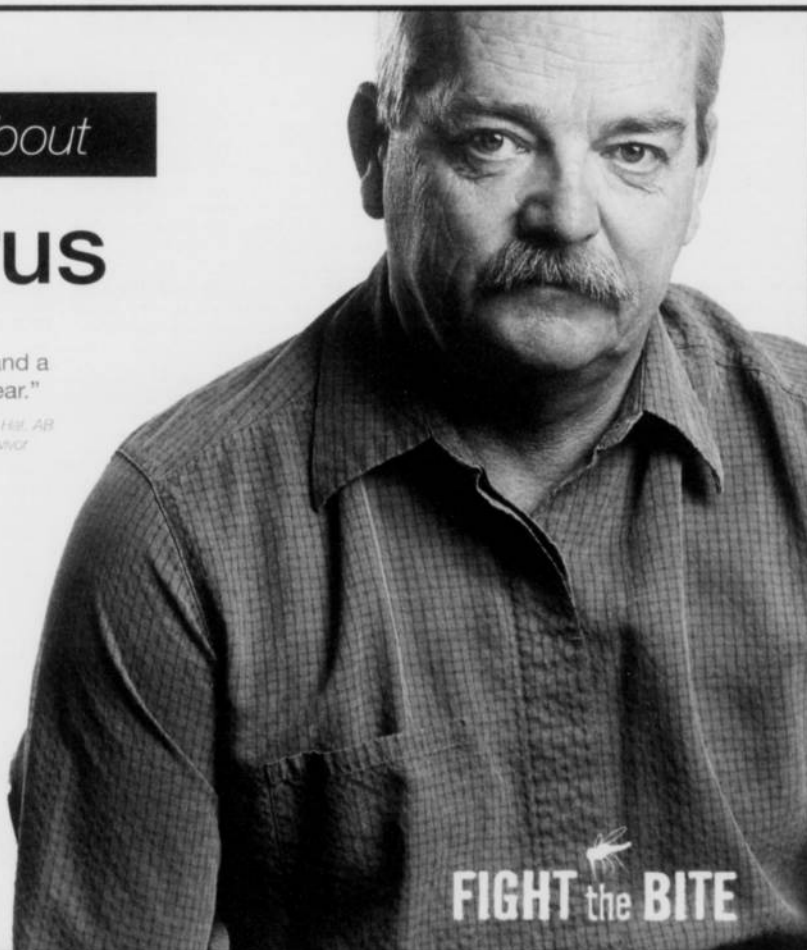
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FIGHT the BITE

Shoppers steamed at hotdog recall

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

A day after the long weekend, grocers were chucking nine Maple Leaf wiener products from their shelves because of potential listeria contamination.

The public has also been warned to check hotdogs before they put them on the grill.

While industry officials are applauding the discovery and resulting alert, local shoppers are appalled.

This comes a year after last summer's tainted meat tragedy that was linked to the deaths of 22 Canadians and led to a nation-wide investigation into food inspection practices.

"If a company has a problem and does a recall and cleans everything up, it doesn't bother me and I'll buy their product again. Do it more than once and I'll think twice," said Colleen Faryna last week.

Jen Jardine said she doesn't eat pre-packaged meat, but if she did, she wouldn't buy Maple Leaf after hearing of a second listeria related recall. It doesn't look good for the company, she added.

Faryna and Jardine were shopping at AG Foods Tuesday, the same day the store got warning from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) that Maple Leaf Foods was voluntarily recalling hotdogs because of possible contamination.

"We immediately pulled the stock from the shelves. We want to make sure there is nothing out there that could harm anyone," said Greg Poirier, AG Foods general manager.

He said the store threw out 20 original and all beef hot

dogs with best-before dates ranging Sept. 8 to Sept. 17. The store carried two of the nine recalled products sold across Canada under the names Maple Leaf, Shopsy's and Hygrade.

Poirier, who performed much the same routine on packaged meat during last year's listeriosis outbreak, said his customers were just starting to pick up Maple Leaf meat again.

"People will probably stop buying it again and sales will slow down for Maple Leaf for awhile."

"It just keeps coming back to this company, despite new rules," he said.

In February 2009, the CFIA put new mandatory testing regulations in place to better find and track contamination in food. All Canadian food factories have to perform frequent food contact surface testing and risk based sampling and report those findings to the government.

Dr. Lyne Brosseau, acting director for meat program division at CFIA, said the latest recall from the Hamilton Maple Leaf plant is a good example of how well the rules are working.

Companies are testing more often and no plant is exempt from the program.

"We believe this has been effective. We are finding cases," she said.

The Hamilton plant found wieners positive for listeria monocytogenes three weeks ago.

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, there have been no food-borne illnesses related to the recall.

For more information about the recall visit www.inspection.gc.ca and look for the health hazard alert for Maple Leaf wieners.

Gas shortage eases up

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Hand-written signs warning drivers of fuel shortages will remain on one Didsbury gas station next week as it continues to wait on delivery.

Parkland Industries, which owns 225 Fas Gas, Fas Gas Plus and Race Track stations in Western Canada, posted out-of-stock signs for medium and premium grade fuel over the August long weekend. Pumps ran out of regular fuel for only a couple hours.

"Generally there is less gas than usual, but if there are closures it's very short term," said Ken Grondin, chief financial officer for Parkland Industries.

Last week, the company said it expected the Didsbury Fas Gas to operate on full Thursday or Friday, but come Monday morning the station was still posting out-of-stock signs.

"I am not exactly sure when deliveries will happen, but we are allocating

fuel the best we can," Grondin later said.

The Didsbury Esso station, which also experienced gas shortages last week, quickly recovered before the weekend.

Owner Steve Kim isn't sure why his station rebounded from the province-wide supply crunch, as others in town are still awaiting fuel.

"I called head office when we weren't getting fuel and they said they were having a hard time, something about a broken refinery in Edmonton. So far, I guess we've been lucky," he said.

No local service stations have shut down pumps, although dozens of Calgary stations did with little hope of a quick reprieve.

Sneh Seetal, spokesperson for Petro-Canada, said a storm on July 18 knocked out the company's Edmonton refinery. The temporary plant closure built on an already tight gas supply, causing province-wide fuel shortages and station shut downs.

The factory, located in

Strathcona County, is the company's largest refinery, with 135,000 barrels of crude oil being processed each day. Petro-Canada was able to get the refinery back in service at the end of July but is still dealing with an inventory delivery problem.

"We weren't producing anything and now that we are we have to deliver the product to...people seeing temporary run outs of product across Alberta," she said.

"It will take time to catch up. We only have so many trucks we can put on the road and rail cars we can put on the track."

She said the company is making it a priority to deliver gas quickly, especially with this being the peak-driving season for province travellers. Petro-Canada is bringing in supplies by rail from Montreal and is curtailing the volume of gas delivered so they can distribute widely across Alberta.

It is unknown how much money the company lost during the temporary shut down.

Imperial Oil, which also shut down its Strathcona County refinery mid-July, says the plant is back on track.

"The fierce electrical storm in Edmonton triggered an automatic shut down for safety...and to get it restarted was a complex process," said Pius Rolheiser, spokesperson for Imperial Oil.

"Now, I'd say the problem is largely behind us." Rolheiser said it was a challenge getting fuel out to stations during the August long weekend, but they did it and are now making sure stations are kept in steady supply.

"There was a period of time when there was little or no gas being manufactured and we needed to catch up to make up for that short fall and we've largely managed to do it."



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Commentary

Common sense a cell technology must

DAN SINGLETON



A new study has found that drivers who use mobile cellular technology, and in particular those who text message while behind the wheel, are much more likely to be involved in accidents than those who don't. The results

should be a wake-up call.

The growth of cell technology has given people many quick and convenient communication options, with most people now having at least a cellphone and many others having more complex mobile devices such as PDAs (personal digital assistant).

Yet the rise of the new technology has apparently also lead to more dangerous roads – and that's something that needs to be addressed one way or another sooner rather than later.

Whether those needed changes should include laws prohibiting the use of mobile cell technology by drivers is a debate that promises only to become louder and more divisive as the technology becomes even more widespread.

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study found, perhaps surprisingly, that drivers who text while behind the wheel are almost as dangerous as drunk drivers.

Using or reaching for an electronic device was associated with a 6.7 times increased risk for a crash or near crash, the report found.

Researchers also determined that drivers are 23 times more likely to get into a car accident if they text when they are behind the wheel of their vehicle.

"Given recent catastrophic crash events and disturbing trends, there is an alarming amount of misinformation and confusion regarding cellphone and texting use while behind the wheel of a vehicle," researchers said.

The study's authors are recommending the total ban on all texting in vehicles.

Yet while such a ban would at first glance appear to be a simple, straightforward solution, there would likely be numerous problems associated with any anti-text-while-driving law.

For example, how much extra police resources would be needed to enforce such a ban? Would Alberta need to create entire 'cell technology police units' with officers peering into car and truck windows while driving down the highway? Wouldn't those officers, in turn, be creating extra hazards by taking their eyes off the road?

Cars and trucks are massive machines that should command the complete attention of drivers at all times – they are not living rooms or coffee shops where people can kick back and relax with their friends while ignoring the outside surroundings.

As with other dangerous activities, such as drunk driving, the best and cheapest way to avoid text messaging-related driving mishaps is to simply not do it.

Alberta doesn't need a mobile cell technology ban. It needs drivers to pay attention and concentrate on the task at hand.



Letter to the editor

Disappointed with Main Street amnesia

Re: Funds to ward off Main Street 'amnesia', August 4, 2009 Didsbury Review

I was very disappointed to read parts of this article, particularly the part that said "no one seemed to know". The Main Street Program (June 1995 to December 2000) was very important to Didsbury's downtown character. Many of the building owners are actually still in town, and many of them still own their buildings. If someone had asked any of them, they would have heard all the background they needed.

Furthermore, the Chamber of Commerce has a binder in their office with before and after pictures of the Main Street Program in Didsbury. Not only that, but all the

information on the Main Street project was on the Town's previous website, information that explained the decorative elements on the new sidewalks, the brickwork done at the time, the signage program, street-lighting, and more.

In addition, no one contacted Judi Newsome, the person who worked in the same office as David Mohr (Main Street Coordinator), and who helped organize the publishing of a small book on the Historic Walking Tour, again, with photographs. For three years, I have personally talked to staff at the Town about getting this book dressed up and re-published, yet still nothing has been done.

I am curious as to why \$55,000

needs to be spent on another survey. The Municipal Development Plan calls for architectural guidelines for new development and renovations in the downtown core. Furthermore, the Town already has a Central Core Heritage Plan that was adopted by Council last spring. Surely that document is sufficient for managing the historical significance of properties in Didsbury.

The article made it sound like no one knows anything about Didsbury's Main Street Project. Nothing could be further from the truth. You just have to ask the right people. They might just save you \$55,000.

Kathleen Windsor
Didsbury

Commentary

The world as our mirror

GWEN
RANDALL
YOUNG



There is a wonderful principle that helps us create what we want in our lives. Imagine that the

world is a mirror, and whatever you put out into it will come back to you. If you want to be loved, then be loving. If you want to be respected, then be respectful of others. If you want to be forgiven, then be forgiving.

Ironically, we sometimes have a tendency to go about this backwards. We get angry and critical towards a

partner because we want more love. We yell at, and put down a teenager for not showing us proper respect. Parents yell at the kids to be quiet and quit yelling, and spank a child for hitting a sibling.

No wonder we get frustrated when we are not getting what we want, and when using the "backwards" approach only brings more of what we do not want. We set up negative downward spirals, and blame others in our lives for what has been created. That is like blaming the mirror for what it reflects back to us.

We will never get something positive by taking a negative approach. You might get "cooperation" in the moment, but at the cost of underlying

resentment. Conversely, when you begin a new approach of only putting positive energy out into the world, you may not immediately get positive responses in return. However, if you continue to model the behaviour and attributes you would like to see in others, gradually you will notice the shift.

The only catch is that you must be sincere. If you are "faking" being nice, co-operative, reasonable and soft-spoken, while your underlying feelings still hold remnants of criticism and judgment, it will not work.

The change we want in our world we must first manifest sincerely and humbly within our own being. If we all did that...

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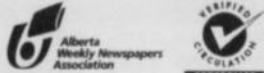
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Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING:

Monday September 14, 2009 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers

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Kim Boyd, Development Officer

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Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.

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Didsbury Recreation

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- **LIFESAVING SOCIETY BRONZE CROSS** - This course is two weeks (Monday - Thursday) from August 17 - August 27, 2009 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. ***Please note that proof of pre-requisite (Bronze Medallion) & Canadian Lifesaving manual need to be brought to the 1st class.*
- **DIDSBEE 3 ON 3 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** - Players in Tyke, Novice, Atom, and Pee Wee are invited to register for an exciting weekend on October 2-4, at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The cost is \$500.00 per team (Max 10 players). Prizes for everyone and includes a T-shirt, swim pass, and a mini hockey stick.
- **SPORT TRAINER COURSE** - Town of Didsbury is offering a two day course on September 19 & 20, the cost is \$175.00 and the time is TBA for now. Course combines Athletic First Aid, Sport Taping and Strapping. This course would be a great asset for local coaches, trainers, and athletes.
- **STREET DANCE** - The 360 Centre & Child and Youth Clubs are having a Dance on August 15, 2009 from 7:00-10:00 pm, admission is \$5.00. The Dance will be outside on the west side of the Didsbury Memorial Complex, weather permitting otherwise will be moved inside the Curing Club.

For more information or to register contact the Aquatic Centre
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Girl saddles up for weekend rodeo

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Watching her eight-year-old daughter thunder around barrels on a high-powered horse, is a nail-biting experience for mother, Wendy Johnson.

"I mean this is no old plug of a horse, it knows exactly what its job is," she said.

"This is what my daughter loves to do."

Randelle Johnson is the youngest barrel racer to compete in this weekend's rodeo and she's looking forward to pitting her skills against 15 other junior riders.

It will be her third rodeo and although she hasn't yet placed in any of the competitions, she says she keeps going back for the fun of it.

Johnson started riding before she was walking and grew up with a family big on rodeo. Her brother, Tyler Johnson, 19, is a pro calf roper who competes on circuit and their father, Eric, is a team roper. Her mother has also dabbled in the sport.

"Randelle has never been a doll girl, never. From the time she was little, she liked horses so I guess barrel racing was her thing to do," her mother said.

Randelle practices as much as she can in the family's outdoor arena and says although her father gives her a hand, she's mostly self-taught. Her quickest time around the barrels is 16 seconds.

"I'm a little scared of falling," she said.

Only once did she have a close call. She was in Carstairs last year during Beef and Barley Days and was thundering around the last barrel when her horse, Blondie, stumbled and shot her ahead in the saddle.

"She didn't come off, but she shot forward and I must admit I couldn't...I thought maybe she would come off," said her mother who watched the event unfold from the grandstands.

This time around, the family will be gathering to watch the youngest child race against other juniors. The girls are 16 years of age and

younger.

The Grade 4 Ross Ford student said it's a little intimidating squaring off against older girls who may have more experience on a horse and she hopes she wins the \$350 cash prize.

"I don't think age will be a disadvantage. Eight-years-old is pretty young but it's all about the horse and rider combination. A junior could smoke a senior if she isn't afraid to go fast," said Cheryl Smith, manager of the Foothills Cowboys Association.

She said the judges will look at who can beat the clock.

"It doesn't matter if it's the ugliest run, as long as the girls ride hard between the barrels," Smith said.

Last year's winner was Kenna Wilkinson, 16, with a 3.92 second run. She'll be competing this year as a senior. Carlee Jo Edge, 16, placed second with a 7.45 time and twin sisters, Tara and Darby Wilkinson placed third and fourth.

This year the rodeo has attracted 11 local entries for various categories and a total of 237 competitors.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review
TEAM EFFORT - Randelle Johnson with her horse Blondie will compete in the Jr. Barrel Racing at this year's Didsbury Rodeo.

Parade officials curtail candy tossing

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The mad dash for candy thrown from floats has always been a rodeo parade tradition, so it comes as a surprise to families that organizers are enforcing a no-toss rule.

In an effort to bolster child safety, parade planners are asking participants to hand candy to youngsters instead of tossing it from floats.

Shirley Thompson, an assistant organizer for the

event, said in the past floats would try to toss goodies to the crowd, only to have it land in the parade route. Children would burst from the sidelines towards moving vehicles in a rush to get the candy; sometimes moving too fast for parents to stop them.

"There is the chance of an accident; of them getting run over or trampled and we want to prevent that from happening," she said.

There have been no parade accidents so far, but Thompson tallies that up to good fortune.

Organizers have tried to apply a no-toss rule at previous parades, but it was a losing battle. People weren't following the rules and the groups running the event had no way to police it.

In this parade, Saturday at 11 a.m., float riders will be given one last warning and spotters will watch and write down the names of those businesses that don't abide by the rules. Next year, the policy will be enforced with liability forms, which puts the onus on the operator if a child gets hurt in the scramble to get sweets.

"They will be responsible, not the town or the parade committee. It should have been done a long time ago,"

Thompson said.

Parents Cindy and Allan Crawford understand why liability forms and no-toss rules would be implemented, but they don't agree with it.

"The liability forms...they go too far. I mean there is always a chance something will happen, where do you draw the line for who is liable, for what?" said Cindy Crawford.

She said she also doesn't like the idea of thwarting tradition. Her two children enjoy throwing candy to their friends from floats or scrambling to get their own. It's a big part of why the family watches the parade each year.

"I think this takes away from the spirit of the festiv-

ities. The whole reason families and kids are attracted to parades is the candy throwing," she said.

Her husband, Allan, said it should be up to parents to make sure their kids are safe, even when youngsters are clambering for the goodie free-for-all.

"Parents can go with their children to get the candy or draw a chalk line for where kids can get it," he said.

Jailyn Green has gone to parades with her eight-year-old daughter and can understand the safety concerns of parade organizers. She often sees float riders toss large handfuls of candy that drop close enough to moving vehicles to make any parent cringe and kids do try to get to it.

But there is an easy solution to the problem, she says.

"They need to throw smaller handfuls and make sure when they throw it out, they are throwing it way out to the crowd."

Her concern of the no-toss rule is that without a free-for-all, some children may be handed candy and others not, causing upset and anger. And if walkers do drop sweets in everyone's bags, it would slow down the parade, she said.

In the Mountain View County, rules about candy throwing vary. Although it doesn't ban it, the Olds Agriculture Society, has made it clear over the last six years that it does not want vehicles to chuck confections.

"I think there will always be controversy about it, but child safety is the biggest concern. It's risky to have kids running out to get the candy," said Fiona McConney, administrative officer for the society.

Innisfail still encourages tossing candy and the Chamber of Commerce parade planners have no concerns about the wellbeing of youngsters.

"The parade goes slow, so we haven't had an issue," said Jane Duncliffe, executive director of the Innisfail Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't think half the people would come if we didn't toss. It's part of the fun. Kids love it. They sit there with their bags, waiting for treats," she said.



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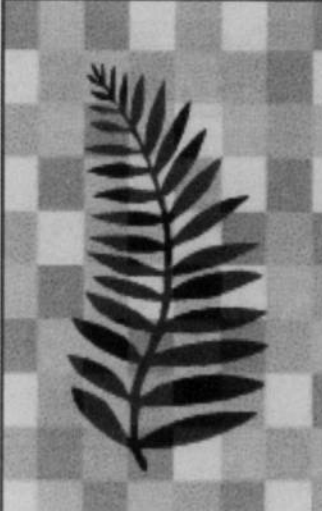
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Three speedsters dashed down Highway 582 west in a corvette and two motorcycles, reportedly at 200 km/hr. Police say they don't often hear of people battling for top speed on local highways. They weren't able to track the racers August 2.

The storm on the August long weekend put at least one semi-truck in the ditch on Hwy 2 north, near the Carstairs overpass. Police say the driver was not injured and the semi-truck didn't flip.

Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

"The roads were just really bad, he went off it but stayed upright," said Const. Robert Newton.

A thief made off with building supplies from a home on 23 Avenue, August 3. The homeowner said someone dug up and made off with railroad ties and fence posts, as well as a belt sander and small air compressor. The robbery is still being investigated.

B.C. tourists got an unpleasant surprise August 4 when they found their vehicle license plate stolen after an evening in Cremona. The plate has been entered in the RCMP tracking system as stolen property and could be

recovered if a constable runs the license. Police say it's likely the stolen plate will be used to illegally transport a vehicle.

Didsbury RCMP helped solve a muddled case last week, where a B.C. man falsely reported a stolen vehicle that had been repossessed and sold to a local resident.

Const. Robert Newton said a Kelowna man reported his Ford vehicle stolen when the manufacturer repossessed it. He failed to mention he wasn't making payments on the car.

A Didsbury man, who bought the car at an auction, later sold it to a driver in Airdrie. The file was reviewed this year and

Kelowna RCMP found it registered in Alberta and quickly confiscated the vehicle. It was then that they found out that the car was legally repossessed and sold.

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100. Obituaries**Allen Royden Shantz**

Mr. Allen Royden Shantz of Carstairs, Alberta passed away on Monday, July 13, 2009 at the age of 90 years. Royden Shantz was born at the farm home near Carstairs on September 15, 1918 to his parents Lloyd and Mary Shantz. Royden was the eldest of two children. He attended the Mennonite Church from early childhood and accepted Christ as his personal savior. Royden and Cicely Rogers were married March 12, 1948, at Carstairs, Alberta. Out of this union four children were born. Royden enjoyed dairy and mixed farming as well as wood working. Faith and Church were a very big part of Royden's life. Royden and Cicely moved to Aspen Ridge Lodge, Didsbury in 2007. Royden was moved to the Olds Hospital where he passed away on Monday, July 13, 2009. Royden's memory will be cherished by Cicely, his loving wife of 61 years. He will be further cherished by his children; Carl (Marcia) Shantz of Pennsylvania, Carol (Bruce) Smith of Didsbury, Karen (Werner) Reinhardt of Didsbury, Dennis Shantz (Kathy Klassen) of Carstairs as well as his brother-in-law Joe Diller of North Carolina. He will be dearly missed by his nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Royden was predeceased by his parents Lloyd and Mary Shantz as well as his sister Gladys Diller. Funeral Services for Mr. Royden Shantz were held at the West Zion Mennonite Church on Friday, July 17, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial donations in memory of Royden Shantz may be directed to the Mennonite Central Committee. Royden's family would like to express their thanks to Dr. Turner, staff at Olds Hospital and Aspen Ridge Lodge for their compassionate care given to Royden. Cicely Shantz and family.

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100. Obituaries**5110. Houses For Rent**

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AUGUST 15, 2009
CALL TRACEY 403-335-8928

Congratulations to Michelle Devaux
on graduating with Great Distinction from the University of Lethbridge in May 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. We wish you all the best as you go on to complete your masters degree in Occupational Therapy at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Love Mom, Shash, Chandra, Sierra & Hailey.

5135. Suites For Rent

ENERGY EFFICIENT SUITE!! Enjoy paying lower utility bills in "YOUR NEW HOME" in Didsbury. It's a bright 1 bdrm. lower walk-out suite that includes, energy efficient in-floor heating and windows your own convenient brand new in-suite laundry and kitchen appliances, tasteful window coverings and it's all yours for \$825 plus utilities!! Be kind to the environment!! Visit www.omnihousing.ca for photos and more details. Call Ally 403-586-2424

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\$199,900

58 Silver Lynx Park, Olds
Nicely maintained 1200 sq ft home on rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, corner gas fireplace, great shed/workshop, priced right



\$129,900

Westcott Acreage
4.37 acres, 1234 sq ft mobile, 50' X 90' shop building (32' X 50' heated), great business potential, mountain view



\$439,900

108 Westhill Close
LOCATION!!! 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood stove, jetted tub, oversized double garage, large pie lot backing onto green space



\$339,900

9 Westhill Drive
Great family home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, newer laminate and new carpet, fresh paint, refinished kitchen cabinets, backs onto a huge park, excellent location



\$249,900

25th Street Lot
61' X 120' lot, walkout potential, back lane, choose your own builder, no GST, in preferred area of town!



\$99,900

1336 - 25 Street
Location and curb appeal, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, kitchen island, sunken patio, outdoor fireplace, R.V. parking, etc...



\$319,900

2029 - 18 Avenue
Upgraded older home on a huge lot (80' X 120'), 3 bedrooms, large rear deck with hot tub, large balcony off of master bedroom, zoned residential/commercial



\$229,900

1269 - 23 Avenue
Beautiful 45 + unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement



\$329,900

1324 - 21 Avenue
Unserviced vacant lot in a mature area of town, slopes west to east so good walkout potential, quiet street, no GST!



\$69,900

10 Westhill Place
Affordable start in the housing market, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, newer deck in the large back yard, new shingles, ideal location near schools etc...



\$179,900

#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue
great starter home or revenue property, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, new flooring, good sized fenced yard



\$139,900

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7 Carriage Lane Way, Carstairs



Close to completion, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, mahogany hardwood, maple cabinetry, granite countertops, gas fireplace, walkout basement and much more!

\$354,900

2025 - 20 Avenue



Former Evangelical Church! Over 5000 sq ft above grade, 4 bedroom living quarters, zoned commercial, great location, lots of character

\$374,900

#202, 1902 - 23 St.



A tremendous view to the west, Galley kitchen, corner gas fireplace, new carpeting, and paint. Detached garage. Excellent Condo.

\$174,900

2114 - 21 Avenue THE BROWNSTONES OF DISBURY



Nothing like this in Disbury! Gorgeous 3 storey units, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, single garage, no condo fees! Only 2 units left.

Starting at \$314,900 including GST

1917 - 17 Street



Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, corner gas fireplace, single garage, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

405 Southridge Cres.



Great value, nice family home, various upgrades, country kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 2 decks, large yard

\$229,900

1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs



Great Family 2 Storey! Over 1700 sq ft of brand new living, gas fireplace, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, huge lot, ready for a summer possession

\$353,500

#20, 1706 22 Ave



Excellent Condo Value! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, extensive upgrades, fully developed basement, new flooring, and much more! Cute back yard with deck, patio and firepit

\$179,900

2102 - 20 Street



Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots in busy mainstreet in Disbury, 130' X 130' total

\$275,000

774 Carriage Lane Dr Carstairs



Awsome 1834 sq ft. Open floor plan, hard wood, walk through pantry, main floor laundry, ensuite in second to none. Walkout basement

\$369,900

1918 - 16 Street



Just move in and enjoy maintenance free living, 2 + 1 bedrooms, gas fireplace, granite counter tops, newer tile floors and carpet, reasonable HOA fees

\$249,900

9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs



Absolutely beautiful new home! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, tile, 3 way fireplace, huge ensuite bath, maple cabinetry, high quality and great value from Dreamwood Homes!

\$429,900

43 Valarosa Drive



Only 3 years old, 1250 sq foot bungalow, fully developed, gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings, Hickory kitchen, backs onto Rosebud Creek, gorgeous open view

\$369,900

14 Julia Place



Lovely newer home, fantastic kitchen with island and corner pantry, open plan, fully finished, gas fireplace, in-floor heat, oversized double garage, huge back yard

\$399,900

2022 - 18 Avenue



Major renovations including addition, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FF, maple kitchen, formal dining, suitoroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage.

\$329,900

1502 - 14 Street



Great villa unit with no condo fees, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, ceramic tile, gas fireplace, fully finished, main floor laundry

\$259,900

2025 - 22 Avenue



Character and Charm! Original hardwood and woodwork, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, clawfoot tub, covered veranda, close to schools and downtown

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